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Races in Bangalore during May & June 1954.

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Re Bangalore Races in 1951

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Letter dt 30 March 51 from Sri B. Ranga Rao regarding the tenure of the Races in Bangalore during this season

1) Minutes of Hon the Min' for favour of submit, "Immediate: A letter may be sent immediately to R.C.T.C. I have asked the B'lore Race Club to send us copies of the correspondence bet: them & R.C.T.C. & may see the draft. Also a letter done from the Hon. ch: Min' Mysore to the chief Min'. to Bengal?"

ch: secy) Initd. H.C.D.
31.3.51.

Initd. K.S. 31-3-51

2) This may be sent to the P.S. to ch. Min' for putting up the previous papers on the subject & immediate return

P.S to ch. Min) 3) 2/4/51

4) Previous papers are not readily available. They may be in the Confidential Box. They will be traced and put up later

A.S. C.S) 4/4/51.

5). P.A. to Min for favour of 2nd 2w) 4/4/51

Submitted

4/4/51

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & INDUSTRIES. No. 72 Date 4.4.51

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D.O. No. 37/51-52 Dy. 11.4.51.

To the Secretary, R.C.T.C. Calcutta.

Has been issued and a copy placed below in the file. 72 11.4

Copy of this letter has also been sent to Hon'ble Dr. B.C. Roy, Chief Minister, West Bengal for information & doing needful in the matter.

1) The file is returned to C.S. for further needful.

(Asst Secy. C.S.)
12.4.51

2) For perusal.

Chief Secy) — sd/- 12/4/51

3) [illegible] 12/4

Ch Minr) — sd/- 12/4/51

4) [illegible] 12/4/51

5) [illegible] 4/5/51

10) Has any reply been received.

4/5/51

Submitted

11) No reply has been received in the ch. secft. ~~It is understood that racing will take place during June and July so further action & date may be posted after perusal. Note Para 10.~~

12) The P.S. to Chief Minister

8/5/51

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may be consulted as to whether there has been any further correspondence on the subject and what action is necessary.

no further correspondence.

According to newspaper reports the differences between the R.C.T.C. and the Bangalore Race Club seem to have been resolved.

Yes. A reply must have been received by the Race club.

RLA 11/5/57

13) The Correspondence on this subject has been dealt with in the Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and may perhaps be continued to be dealt with there unless it is intended to transfer the case to the Chief Sect. in which case the previous papers and the subsequent correspondence may also be made available.

Office of the Chief Minister
No 1256
Date of Receipt 9.5.57

14) Refer paras 4 and 6 P. S. to Ch. Min) 15) SMR 9.5.57

SK 11.7.2) 8.5.57. 16) Subbu. The question may be dealt with in the Chief Secretariat

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Asst. Secy Ch. S 16) HMS 11/5/57 17) Yes. HMS 9.5.57

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18) No further action appears necessary in the matter ~~but seems to be pending on~~ ~~be pending on the R.S.R. matter the charge~~ ~~rejected may recky from R.S.T.C.~~ If approved file may be closed

Chief Engg

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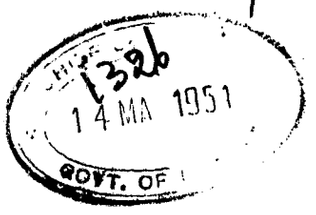

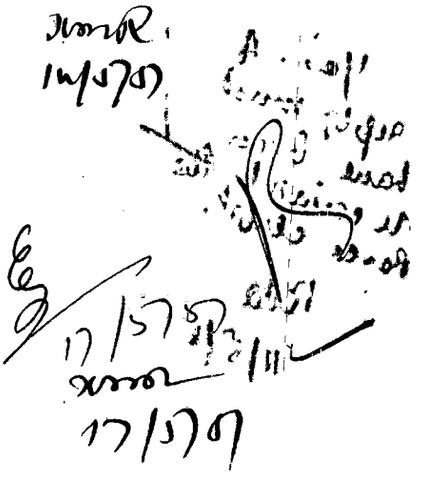

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No.2, Millers Tank Bund Road,
Bangalore Cantonment,
Dated 30th March, 1951.

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Immediate

My dear Sri H.C. Dasappa,

I have just returned from my mission to Delhi. I had a full discussion with Sri Rajaji. He is of the opinion that a Central Racing Authority should be constituted for India. He is prepared to call a conference for this purpose at Delhi provided the majority of the race clubs in this country are in favour of this proposal.

When I requested him to give a letter to the Chief Minister of West Bengal, he said that after the attitude displayed by the R.C.T.C. it would not be dignified to wait on them in person. He asked me to convey to the Mysore Government his advice that they should write a strong letter to the R.C.T.C. protesting against their attitude towards the Bangalore Race Club. India is a free country and it is not open to a private association to frame rules without consulting the State Governments. Their insistence on Bangalore season starting in May and limiting it to ten days is calculated to injure the interests of racing in Mysore State. The Bangalore Race Club Committee and Stewards, including the Government nominees, have decided to disaffiliate from the R.C.T.C. with the consent and approval of the Government. In these days of democracy a club must be free to race under whichever racing authority they like to choose. Even now it is not too late and the Stewards of the R.C.T.C. should be strongly advised by the Government of Mysore to release the Bangalore Race Club although, legally, no such permission is necessary.

Myself, Sri Gundappa Gowda and Sri S.M.

P.T.O.

A letter may be sent immediately to R.C.T.C. I have asked the B'lore Race clubto send us copies of the correspondence between them & R.C.T.C. I may see the draft. Has a letter gone from the Chief Minister of West Bengal to the Chief Minister of Mysore?

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xxx Sri H.D.)

Ramakrishna Rao are proceeding to Bombay tomorrow to meet the Stewards of the R.W.I.T.C.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ranga Rao

Hon'ble H.C. Dasappa,
Minister for Finance
& Industries,
Bangalore.

Race club Papers

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The manifile is said to be stuck up with the Hon. Ch. Nin. No other papers on the subject are readily available

4.4.51

It was with much regret I had given Shane Kiel letter Regarding Bobbie Hall

MEMBER,

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The file re Rameshwar Immediate

V.P.S.

4.4.57

2-th February 51.

Dear Sri. Chenchalaraya Reddy,

In pursuance of the talk we had with you on Friday, 23rd Feb. 1951 forming about the impasse created in the conduct of races this year, we are sending a detailed note as desired by you.

The Bangalore Race Club has been conducting racing for the last twenty-seven years. From the Rules of the Club published in 1923 it is seen that though racing was going on in Bangalore, there is no mention made of the Royal Calcutta Turf Club but in the Rules of the Club, as approved by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore and brought into force in November 1938, this Club is bound by the rules of Royal Calcutta Turf Club (voluntarily) as amended from time to time. So, for the first time the Royal Calcutta Turf Club is mentioned in our rules. This makes it clear that it is open for the Club to change its rules of racing as and when it is suitable, with the approval of the Government of Mysore.

It is a fact that meetings here were held under Royal Calcutta Turf Club. During war time races were stopped and in the year 1947-48 they were revived. In the year 1948 racing went on for 17 days. In the year 1949 it went on for 12 days. In the ensuing year 1950 an application was made to Royal Calcutta Turf Club to allow us 10 days racing but actually 10 days racing was allowed with an interval of one week for rest. All the correspondence with the then Senior Steward and the Royal Calcutta Turf Club was of no avail and they refused to give any extra days.

This year the Stewards of Royal Calcutta Turf Club have sanctioned 10 days of racing without any interval and without hearing from us. Many horses race quite after and without a week's interval, after the first days racing they could hardly be fit to race for the next 5 days without rest. Further the interval also facilitates the owners and trainers to adjust themselves financially and will enable the office also to keep the accounts ready and to understand the exact position of the owners and trainers.

A letter in connection with the above days was written to Royal Calcutta Turf Club on 22-12-1950 for reconsideration of the days allotted for us and on 29-12-1950 a reply was received that it was not possible for them to reconsider and change the days already allotted. So, if the racing is to go on, it is to be restricted only for 10 days without interval. According to the dates allotted for the meeting the first race would have to be started on 20th of May which accordingly to frequent Monsoon freaks here, we cannot be sure of the timely first rains which affect adversely the make up of the grounds for races. These considerations do not evidently carry any weight with those sitting at Calcutta.

From the financial point of view the money now collected by 10 days racing is not sufficient by way of profit to build reserves for the construction of extra club stands and electric totalisators etc. (now under consideration) and to provide funds for the mainte-

nance of Aunigal Stud Farm on up-to-date lines with more stallions and mares, apart from the decreased income that to Government on account of various taxes.

Under the circumstances it was felt by the Stewards Club that it will not be advantageous for the Club to race Royal Calcutta Turf Club any longer and that the Club should affiliate with Royal Western India Turf Club. The Senior Government Nominee and the Secretary of the Club were deputed for duty to have an informal consultation on the matter. They had informal meeting with the Stewards of Royal Western India Turf Club at Bombay. The Stewards of Royal Western India Turf Club expressed their willingness to affiliate our Club with theirs and agreed to give us 16 days racing. It was decided then by the Stewards of our Club at a meeting here that we should disaffiliate from Royal Calcutta Turf Club and seek affiliation under Royal Western India Turf Club. This decision was communicated to Royal Calcutta Turf Club, and in pursuance of the resolution of the Stewards, the Committee decided to call an Extraordinary General Body Meeting to amend rules, as prescribed by the procedure laid down, so as to race under Royal Western India Turf Club. The meeting is fixed to come off on the 11th March 1951

Subsequent to the fixing of the meeting, Royal Calcutta Turf Club has replied to the letter dated 3-2-1951 in their letter dated 14-2-1951, which is herein enclosed. This in substance means that they do not want to allow the Bangalore Race Club to disaffiliate and, if at all the Club has to race, it should confor to the dates of the meeting fixed by them or not to race at all. Not satisfied with sending of their reply to our Club, the Royal Calcutta Turf Club has sent a copy of the letter to the Owners and Trainers Association which would amount to persuade them not to have anything to do with us unless we race under Royal Calcutta Turf Club. Another copy has been sent to Royal Western India Turf Club - evidently with the same object. This procedure appears to be very extraordinary indeed.

This is rather too much for any one to put up with, and this extraordinary behaviour on the part of Royal Calcutta Turf Club Authorities will have to be met, as some of us feel strongly, with some determination to establish our right to conduct our races under a more congenial atmosphere. This last letter of Royal Calcutta Turf Club has drawn our attention to Rule 3 of Royal Calcutta Turf Club. So far we could see, they cannot force our Club legally to race under them and prevent others from permitting us to race. These rules do not appear to have any sanction of any Government in India, and they are dated 1st April 1940. After the attainment of independence in India at any rate, it looks extraordinary that Royal Calcutta Turf Club which is mainly a European manned body, should think of dividing this sub-continent into zones of jurisdiction. If there had been a Jockey Club of India, as has been started in Pakistan after partition, Calcutta Club would have been forced to restrict its activities in a specified area of India. Then the other Clubs in India, having got equal status with that of the Calcutta Club, would look better in the eyes of the world. Anyway, this is a matter to be taken on higher level as an all India Policy.

After the Royal Western India Turf Club received a copy of the letter addressed to our Club they seem to be hesitant to affiliate our Club with them just because as a matter of delicacy. They want to be cordial with their sister Turf Club - Royal Calcutta Turf Club - of course, going back on their own solemn assurances. So far as our Club is concerned, it is better from all points of view, particularly on account of the close proximity of Mysore State with that of Bombay, that it should be affiliated with Bombay rather than Calcutta, which is far away removed from Mysore. Under the above circumstances our Stewards feel reluctant to race under Royal Calcutta Turf Club which means a great loss to the Club and an appreciable loss of revenue to Government. May we request you to kindly take up the matter on higher level to see that the just demands of our Club are met in an honorable way.

Yours sincerely,

Rajamantrapravina
H.B. Gundappa Gowda
(Steward)

S.I. Ramakrishna
(Committee Member

(Nominated by Government)

Sri. K. Chengalaraya Reddy, B.A., B.L.,
Chief Minister,
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Copy of letter dated 14th February 1951 from the Secretary, Royal Calcutta Turf Club, Calcutta to the Secretary, Bangalore Race Club, Bangalore.

Your letter No.1801 of the 3rd instant was placed before my Stewards at their last meeting and the contents duly noted by them.

In reply, I am directed to draw your attention to Rule 3 of the M.C.T.C. Rules of Racing and the proposed amendment thereto as published in the Racing Calendar and to point out that under this Rule you are not permitted to affiliate your Club with any other racing authority without the prior consent of this Club or until such time as the above-mentioned Rule has been repealed.

No doubt your Stewards are aware that with the consent of this Club the Madras Race Club has applied to the Jockey Club in England for recognition as a separate racing authority and the application is now under active consideration. Should the Madras application for separate recognition be granted by the Jockey Club it will then be for consideration whether or not Race Clubs in the South of India, other than Coty, should come under the jurisdiction of Madras or remain, as at present, under the control of this Club.

I am further directed to say that while my Stewards would be prepared to give consideration, in consultation with the Madras Race Club, to an application for your Club to come under Madras if and when that Club obtains recognition, they do not consider that it would be in the best interests of racing to agree to any change in authority in respect of Bangalore at this stage.

Furthermore, I am instructed to point out that dates for the coming season have already been allotted to all Clubs in the South and no alteration can now be sanctioned.

If, however, your Stewards do not wish to avail themselves of the dates allotted my Stewards are prepared to cancel the dates, but at the same time they must draw your attention to the implications under Rule 3 resulting from Meetings being held by your Club without first obtaining the sanction of this Club.

Yours faithfully.

Sd/- E.R. KENDERDINE
Secretary,
Royal Calcutta Turf Club.

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Royal Western India Turf Club, Ltd., Bombay
2. " Madras Race Club, Ltd., Madras.
3. The Chairman, Race-Horse Owners & Trainers Association of Calcutta.

Do. 37/87-52

11th April 51

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to see from the correspondence placed in my hands that there has been of late some difference of opinion in the matter of racing in Bangalore between your Club and the Bangalore Race Club. There are two matters needing consideration (1) the question of affiliation of the Bangalore Race Club to your Club or to Western India Turf Club (2) the season during which the races should be run and the number of races.

I have seen a copy of your letter dated 14th February 1951 to the Bangalore Race Club. That an institution should have the freedom to affiliate itself to any other institution does not seem to need any argument. The various Race Clubs in India are voluntary organisations in which the State Governments have naturally a great interest. Both the State and the Central Government find in racing a source of revenue and neither of the Governments can be oblivious to a situation when it is likely to affect the revenues. The Mysore Government have learnt with considerable surprise that your Club is disinclined to see that the Bangalore Race Club affiliates itself to W.I.T.C. This is a matter which is likely to unnecessarily introduce disharmony into the field of sports and it is suggested that no such unreasonable impediment should be thrown in the way of the freedom of Bangalore Race Club to affiliate itself to whichever Club it may chooses.

As regards the question of season for racing and the number of races, it is again very disconcerting to note that you have suggested that the races may commence in the month of May only which is most unusual in Bangalore when the course will still be very hard and unsuitable for racing. The number of races also, it is seen, is limited to 10 days and that without any interval as usual. It will be seen that in 1940 the racing went on for 17 days.

Representations have been made to the Centre about these matters. The Mysore Government have been advised to take up the matter with

your Club and see that the room for any friction is obviated. It is the view of the State Government that the best thing in the circumstances is for the Bangalore Race Club to affiliate itself to W.I.T.C. and carry on. Government would be glad and thankful if your Club sees its way not to throw any obstacle in the way of the freedom of Bangalore Race Club to affiliate itself to W.I.T.C. It may do xxx nobody any good if you persist in your desire to thwart their freedom and it may give rise to unnecessary complications. I am writing this personal letter to see if the matter could be settled amicably.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
Royal Calcutta Turf Club,
11, Russels Street,
CALCUTTA 16.

To

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Yours faithfully,

NO.80.38-39 / 11/51

copy to : 1) ~~Hon.~~ Sri B.C. Roy
Chief Minister, W. Bengal (with a covering letter)
Calcutta

2) Sri Rajah Bahadur Ramakrishna Ranga Rao
Madras